Setting up of Kendriya Vidyalayas

†348. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up 1,000 Kendriya Vidyalayas during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any policy has been formulated to open such Vidyalayas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the new Kendriya Vidyalayas, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No such decision regarding setting up of 1000 Kendriya Vidyalayas during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, has been taken by the Central Government.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Free and compulsory education to children

†349. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present progress report of the constitutional obligation to provide free and compulsory education to all the children of the country aged between 1—14 years State-wise;

(b) whether private and non-governmental schools have been kept out of the ambit of such obligation;

(c) if so, the details of legal aspects of keeping them out of its ambit;

(d) whether Government are also considering to bring private and non-governmental schools within the ambit of the said constitutional obligation to provide free and compulsory education to the children aged 1—14 years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) The Constitutional (Eighty-sixth) Amendment Act, 2002 notified on 13th December, 2002, inserted Article 21A in the Constitution, which provides that "*the State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of six to fourteen years in such manner as the State may, by law, determine*". Section 1(2) of the 86th Constitutional Amendment Act provides that '*it shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint*'. The notification regarding enforcement of the Constitutional (Eighty-sixth) Amendment Act, 2002 has not yet been issued pending finalisation of ensuing legislation envisaged under Article 21A.

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